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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: What is the Wilson Home Trust?**

A: It is a private Trust that provides information, support, and services to physically disabled children (up to the age of 22) and their families, in the upper North Island of New Zealand. Located on the cliff top of Lake Road, Takapuna on Auckland's North Shore. The Wilson Home Trust is custodian of 13 acres of magnificent coastal land and gardens, as well as the original Wilson family home.

### **Q: What services are there on the Wilson Home Trust Site?**

- A:
1. The Wilson Home Trust – located in the Cottage
  2. The Wilson Home Trust – The Chapel
  3. The Wilson Home Centre – contains the following services
    - Te Whatu Ora Respite and Rehabilitation Services
    - Northern Health School – onsite Health School
  4. Ronald Caughey Building – this is the Te Whatu Ora Paediatric Outpatients Department
  5. The Wilson School – The Ministry of Education

### **Q: What services does the Wilson Home Trust provide?**

A: The Wilson Home Trust services include:

- Grants
- Resources and Support
- Holiday Programmes
- Hydrotherapy
- Community Events



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- Equipment Demonstration Days
- Weddings and Ceremonies

### **Q: When was the Wilson Home Trust established?**

A: The Trust was established in 1937 when Mr and Mrs W R Wilson gifted their home and gardens for the benefit of children with disabilities.

### **Q: What area does the Wilson Home Trust provide services to?**

A: The upper half of the North Island as shown in the diagram below:

Children / Young Adults (up to the age of 22) must live in the Qualifying area as described by the Trust Deed.





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**Q: How can I access the Wilson Home Centre services, including accessing the Respite facilities for my child?**

A: Please call 09 488 4688

**Q: How can I become a volunteer for the Wilson Home Trust?**

A: The Trust welcomes enquires from anyone who would like to become a volunteer gardener, please contact the Trust Manager at [info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz)

**Q: Who is eligible for a Wilson Home Trust Grant?**

A: Grants can be made in respect only of children and their families (**'family'** means parents, whanau, primary caregivers and / or siblings) who fit the following criteria:

- **Age:** Children / Young Adults up to the age of 22.
- **Physical disabilities** are those which **primarily impair function** of body and/or limbs. Additional sensory (vision, hearing,) and intellectual (cognitive, behavioural, mental) disabilities may be present, but will not be the primary reason for the funds requested.
- The child or young person's **disability needs to be described in terms of the impairments, activity limitations and/or participation restrictions**, as per the terms used by the World Health Organisation: "Disabilities is an umbrella term, covering impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions. An impairment is a problem in body function or structure; an activity limitation is a difficulty encountered by an individual in executing a task or action; while a participation restriction is



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a problem experienced by an individual in involvement in life situations". (<https://www.who.int/topics/disabilities/en/>). Causes may include a range of medical diagnoses, congenital or acquired.

**Q: What are the funding limits per Child / Young Adult?**

**Current Grant Allocation limits (Amounts do not include GST)**

<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Limit (excluding GST)</b>	<b>Number of Applications per Child</b>
Equipment / Activity	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit
Wellbeing and Counselling	\$1,000 x 2	Twice – can be used for child/parent/sibling
Holiday	\$2,000	Multiple times up to the limit with no one holiday costing more than \$1,000 plus GST
Emergency	\$2,000	Individual applications are capped at \$1,000 plus GST, the number of applications is at the discretion of the Trust Manager up to the limit
Hydrotherapy	\$800	Hydrotherapy / Water Confidence for 12 months. Please note that when Hydrotherapy limit reached, activity grant can be used for swimming
Young Adults (aged 17–21)	\$3,000	Multiple times up to the limit
<b>Total Potential</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>	



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**Q: What are the closing dates for funding?**

A: Please click on the link below for the closing dates for the Equipment / Activity / Young Adults / Group grants.

<https://www.wilsonhometruster.org.nz/grants/>

Please note that there are no closing dates for Wellbeing and Counselling, Emergency and Holiday grants.

**Q: How many grants can I apply for?**

A: As many as you like up to the limits shown above in the Grant Allocation Limits table.

**Q: Who can supply the support letters and what information needs to be in the Support Letter?**

- **Support Letter:** Each application should include a written confirmation (on letterhead and include contact details) from a doctor or health professional such as an occupational therapist or physiotherapist that:
  - **Knowledge:** They know the child/young adult with a disability
  - **Physical disability:** The child/young adult has a physical disability, it is understood that a person can have multiple impairments, but to be eligible the child/young adult has a physical disability rather than solely an intellectual or behavioral/cognitive disability or mental illness
  - **Primary physical disability in relation to a particular need:** In relation to the need which is the subject of the application for a grant (e.g., help with the purchase of a particular mobility aid) the health professional needs to confirm that because of the need described in the grant application, the child/young adult's physical impairment is their primary disability in a case where the child / young adult has multiple impairments



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- **Need:** There is a need as described in the application and how it will affect the child/young adult's/family's life
- **Qualifying area:** The child/young adult lives in the qualifying area and is therefore eligible for a grant.

**Q: If my child has a sensory disability and a physical disability, will this qualify for grant funding?**

A: If the primary impairment is physical and the application is for the physical need, then this should qualify for funding.

**Q: What financial information is required?**

A: Please provide a budget showing the total income and then the key household expenses, e.g., rent / mortgage, living costs, etc., to demonstrate that there is a financial need. Please also include any other information that may be relevant. You will be asked to complete the following information as part of your application.



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**Can you provide evidence of your weekly financial need – e.g.,**  
Household income and expenses.

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ - Weekly</b>
Salary	
Benefits / Pension	
Rental or business income	
Other income i.e., interest earned	
<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Spending</b>	
Mortgage / Rent	
Food	
Power and Heating	
Insurances	
Hire Purchase or loan repayments	
Vehicle and transport costs	
Medical costs	
Other	
<b>Total Spending</b>	
Please provide any other information that may assist the Grants Committee to understand your financial situation e.g., saving to make house renovations etc.	



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**Q: Is grant funding available to non-New Zealand residents?**

A: This will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Q: How many times a year can I apply?**

A: As many as you like within the funding limits, except for holiday grants where there needs to be a minimum period of six months between holiday grant applications.

**Q: How long does it take for a decision to be made?**

A: Provided the application is complete and the Committee have all the information that is required, the Committee of Management generally meet every six weeks and then a decision is communicated via email the following week.

**Q: If I had an application previously declined, can I apply again?**

A: Yes, provided the child / young adult fits the eligibility criteria.

**Q: I know someone who would like to apply for a grant but does not have access to a computer, how can they apply?**

A: If you contact the Wilson Home Trust on [info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz) or telephone 0800 948 787, we can send you a hard copy application form and this can be posted back to us.



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**Q: A family that I am working with would like to apply for a grant, however, they do not have the literacy or the skills to fill out the forms, could I fill out the form on their behalf?**

A: Yes, please include these details in the applicant section of the application form and let us know who has completed the application form when it is submitted. Also, if the family would like a member of staff from the Wilson Home Trust to help them complete the form, this can also be arranged.

**Q: Is there a Wilson Home Trust type organization available for disabled children and young adults in the rest of New Zealand?**

A: No, other funding bodies that are available for the rest of New Zealand areas follows:

- Lottery Disability <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-individuals-with-disabilities/>
- Jubilee Trust <https://www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/contact/branch-information/auckland/jubilee-trust/>
- CP Society <https://cerebralpalsy.org.nz/member-services/grants/>